

REMARKS

The Office Action requires restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-20, drawn to a guard, classified in class 52, subclass 716.2.
- II. Claims 21-33, drawn to a method of using the guard, classified in class 52, subclass 741.1.

Applicant respectfully requests that the invention defined in claims 1-20 be examined.

The Office Action further requires a species restriction. The Office Action indicates that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- Species 1 – Figure 5
- Species 2 – Figure 6
- Species 3 – Figure 7
- Species 4 – Figure 8
- Species 5 – Figure 9
- Species 6 – Figure 10
- Species 7 – Figure 11
- Species 8 – Figure 12
- Species 9 – Figure 13
- Species 10 – Figure 14
- Species 11 – Figure 15
- Species 12 – Figure 16

Applicant respectfully requests examination of Species 1. As the Office Action indicates, claims 1-10 are generic to all species. Moreover, claims 14-20 are also readable on Species 1. Applicant appreciates the indication that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination. Such examination is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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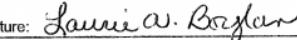
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